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1. ANLAUF-HICKMAN TRAVELLED ODESSA-KISHINEV-CHERNOVTSY-
VINNITSA-KIEV-OREL-MOSCOW INTOURIST ROUTE JUNE 29 -
JULY 3. FOLLOWING SWINE DISEASE QUARANTINE AREAS OBSERVED.

2. NUMEROUS BARRIERS (10-15) AND QUARANTINE STATIONS NOTED
ON SIDE ROADS AND LIVESTOCK FARM ENTRANCES BETWEEN ODESSA
AND MOLDAVIAN BORDER. HOWEVER, NOT ALL OF THE STATIONS
ACTIVE.

3. FIRST BARRIER ACROSS MAIN ROAD ENCOUNTERED BOUNDARY
MOLDAVIA-UKRAINE (ENTERING FROM ODESSA SIDE). DIFFICULTY
EXPERIENCED IN ENTERING MOLDAVIA. POLICE DEMANDED REASONS
FOR ENTRY AND WOULD NOT PERMIT PASSAGE UNTIL DIPLOMATIC
PAPERS WERE SHOWN. POLICE FINALLY, BUT WITH CON-
SIDERABLE RELUCTANCE, PERMITTED PASSAGE INTO MOLDAVIA --
AFTER CAR WAS DRIVEN THROUGH ACTIVE QUARANTINE (DIPPING)
INSTALLATION (SHALLOW PIT) CONTAINING SAWDUST, ASSUMED
TO CONTAIN A DISINFECTANT WHICH WAS KEPT WET. ONLY
OTHER INSTALLATION (ACROSS ROAD) ON INTOURIST ROUTE
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IN MOLDAVIA WAS AT EXIT AREA FROM MOLDAIVA INTO UKRAINE
NEAR CHERNOVTSY.

4. AREA FROM UKRAINE BORDER-CHERNOVTSY-VINNITSA
POSSESSED NUMEROUS SIDE ROAD AND FARM ENTRANCE BARRIERS
WITH DISINFECTANT PITS, ALONG WITH 4-5 ACTIVE BARRIERS
AND PITS ACROSS THE MAIN HIGHWAY. NO DIFFICULTY ENCOUN-

TERED IN PASSING FROM OBLAST TO OBLAST. FINAL BARRIER
ACROSS MAIN HIGHWAY OBSERVED NEAR VIKNITSA, BUT CONSISTED
ONLY OF PIT FOR SOUTH-BOUND TRAFFIC. OUT NORTH-BOUND
ROUTE DID NOT REVEAL ANY INSTALLATIONS.

5. TRAVEL RUTE VINNITSA-KIEV-OREL DID NOT CONTAIN BARRIER
OR INSTALLATION ACROSS MAIN ROAD. EVEN SO, A LARGE
NUMBER (25-30) OF SIDE ROAD INSTALLATIONS WERE NOTICED.
HOWEVER, NOT MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THESE STATIONS WERE
ACTIVE. LAST SIDE ROAD STATION OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY
150 KM SOUTH OF OREL.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE SOVIET CLAIMS THAT "SWINE FEVER"
WAS CONTAINED IN A RELATIVELY SMALL REGION, THESE
ACTUAL OBSERVATIONS TEND TO INDICATE OTHERWISE.
APPARENTLY, WORST OF DISEASE OUTBREAKS IS OVER.
STATISTICS FROM USSR SECRETARIAT, WHICH WILL BE RE-
CEIVED LAST OF JULY INDICATING ANIMAL POPULATION
ON STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS AS OF JULY 1, MAY GIVE
FURTHER INDICATION AS TO SEVERITY OF FORCE SLAUGHTER
OF DISEASED ANIMALS (SWINE).

7. IN JUDGEMENT OF ANLAUF AND HICHMAN, DISEASE COULD
HAVE BEEN HOG CHOLERA. NO REASON FOR THIS ASSUMPTION
OTHER THAN MANNER IN WHICH QUARANTINE STATIONS WERE
OPERATED.

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8. NO INFORMATION COULD BE OBTAINED FROM POLICE OR
LOCAL PEOPLE REGARDING THE NAME OF DISEASE, THE
SEVERITY OF PROBLEM OR THE ACTUAL AREA INVOLVED.
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